

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: 14 Bloomsbury Avenue – Verizon Building Inventory Number: ~~N/A~~ BA-3115  
Address: 14 Bloomsbury Avenue City: Catonsville Zip Code: 21076  
County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore West  
Owner: Verizon Maryland Inc Is the property being evaluated a district? no  
Tax Parcel Number: 674 Tax Map Number: 101 Tax Account ID Number: 0103230182  
Project: Cingular Wireless antenna co-location on building rooftop Agency: Cingular Wireless  
Site visit by MHT Staff: x no yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? yes x no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible district \_\_\_\_\_ District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_\_\_

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible x yes x no

Criteria: A B x C D Considerations: A B C D E F G x None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: This document package  
MD SHPO office

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

A three-and-a-half-story, red brick Georgian commercial building occupies the site at 14 Bloomsbury Avenue. This structure, presumed to have a construction date between 1890-1910, is located in the vicinity of two important Historic Districts in Catonsville, Maryland: the West Catonsville Historic District and the recently-nominated Old Catonsville Historic District. The building currently is occupied by Verizon Wireless as a communication data center. The interior is wholly renovated to meet industry needs for a modern facility. It houses mostly communication equipment.

The red brick building is eight bays long and five bays wide. Three massive chimney stacks adorn the medium-pitched, side-gabled roof; one on either end of the building and one off-center above the third bay from the left of the façade. From the front, or east side, the building appears as a somewhat typical example of a Georgian Colonial structure with simple details and solid massing. The main front door is surrounded by a wood pediment and pilasters and a five-light transom. The southeast front door is surrounded with a simplified and smaller version of the pilasters found on the main door. Twelve over twelve single-hung windows adorn the façade and sides of the building with simple concrete sills.

The building has undergone some additions which are apparent from the sides and back of the building. Originally, the structure could have been simply five-bays wide with a stack on either end, with the door in the second bay from the left (current placement). This configuration would indicate that an additional three bays was added on the south end of the

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: Additions overwhelm original building.

[Signature]  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

4/8/03  
Date

[Signature]  
Reviewer, NR Program

4/8/03  
Date

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building at some time. It is difficult to determine, however, because the masonry work and windows match remarkably well to the original portion. However, the south stack is constructed with a different masonry technique and is smaller in scale to the other two stacks. There is evidence of a side-gabled roof line from both the north and south side of the building (reference photos 2, 6, and 7). It also appears that a back addition was constructed at some point. From the north side, there is evidence of a flat roofed section that retains the same window details and brickwork that is found on the façade. This could possibly be original, or is a result of a renovation from an original, simple rectangular form. Above this flat-roofed, two-story section is an obvious third floor addition which incorporates the back of the gabled roof into the third floor and extends to the west side of the building (back). A stairwell addition is also located on the northwest side of the building. Please reference photos 6, 7 and 8 for clarity. The back of the building appears as a single, three- and a half -story mass which lacks windows.

For the most part, this massive brick building retains a historic exterior which masks the industrial, modern interior. From the front, it retains architectural integrity as an example of Georgian Colonial architecture. The back addition is not apparent from the front of the structure and the original gabled roof line remains evident. The building is in the original location, demonstrates fine masonry workmanship and is located in a historic setting. Yet the building is most likely not eligible for the national register as an individual property, due to the significant changes and additions.

However, the building is very near to historic districts designated in Catonsville. The historic façade of this building could potentially provide a contributing resource to the adjacent West Catonsville Historic District. The property is adjacent to the historic Smith House and the north side of the original portion of the building is visible from the West Catonsville Historic District. The north brick stack rises above the Smith House property and provides an appropriate historic backdrop. The building is an example of adaptive reuse in a historic town that is a host to modern industries. Adaptive reuse in Catonsville is in important practice to insure the town retains historic integrity, as well as supporting the local economy. It determined that 14 Bloomsbury Avenue is potentially eligible for inclusion in the West Catonsville Historic District as a contributing resource, under Criteria C, but it is not eligible as an individual property.

Prepared by: Kathryn St. Clair

Date Prepared: March 18, 2003

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**Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation**  
**BALTIMORE COUNTY**  
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**Account Identifier:** District - 01 Account Number - 0103230182

**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** VERIZON MARYLAND INC **Use:** INDUSTRIAL  
**Principal Residence:** NO  
**Mailing Address:** CHARLIE BLAIR **Deed Reference:** 1) / 593/ 448  
YORK & SHAWAN RDS RM 129 2)  
COCKEYSVILLE MD 21030

**Location & Structure Information**

Premises Address			Zoning	Legal Description					
BLOOMSBURY AVE			BL	LT SW BLOOMSBURY AV 157 S OF FREDERICK RD					
Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
101	8	674						82	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town Ad Valorem Tax Class						
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area		Property Land Area			County Use	
0000					26,164.00 SF			08	
Stories		Basement		Type			Exterior		

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2003	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2002	07/01/2003
Land:	0	0		
Improvements:	0	0		
Total:	0	0	0	0
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

**Seller:** BELL ATLANTIC-MD **Date:** 12/16/2002 **Price:** \$0  
**Type:** NOT ARMS-LENGTH **Deed1:** / 593/ 448 **Deed2:**  
**Seller:** **Date:** **Price:**  
**Type:** **Deed1:** **Deed2:**  
**Seller:** **Date:** **Price:**  
**Type:** **Deed1:** **Deed2:**

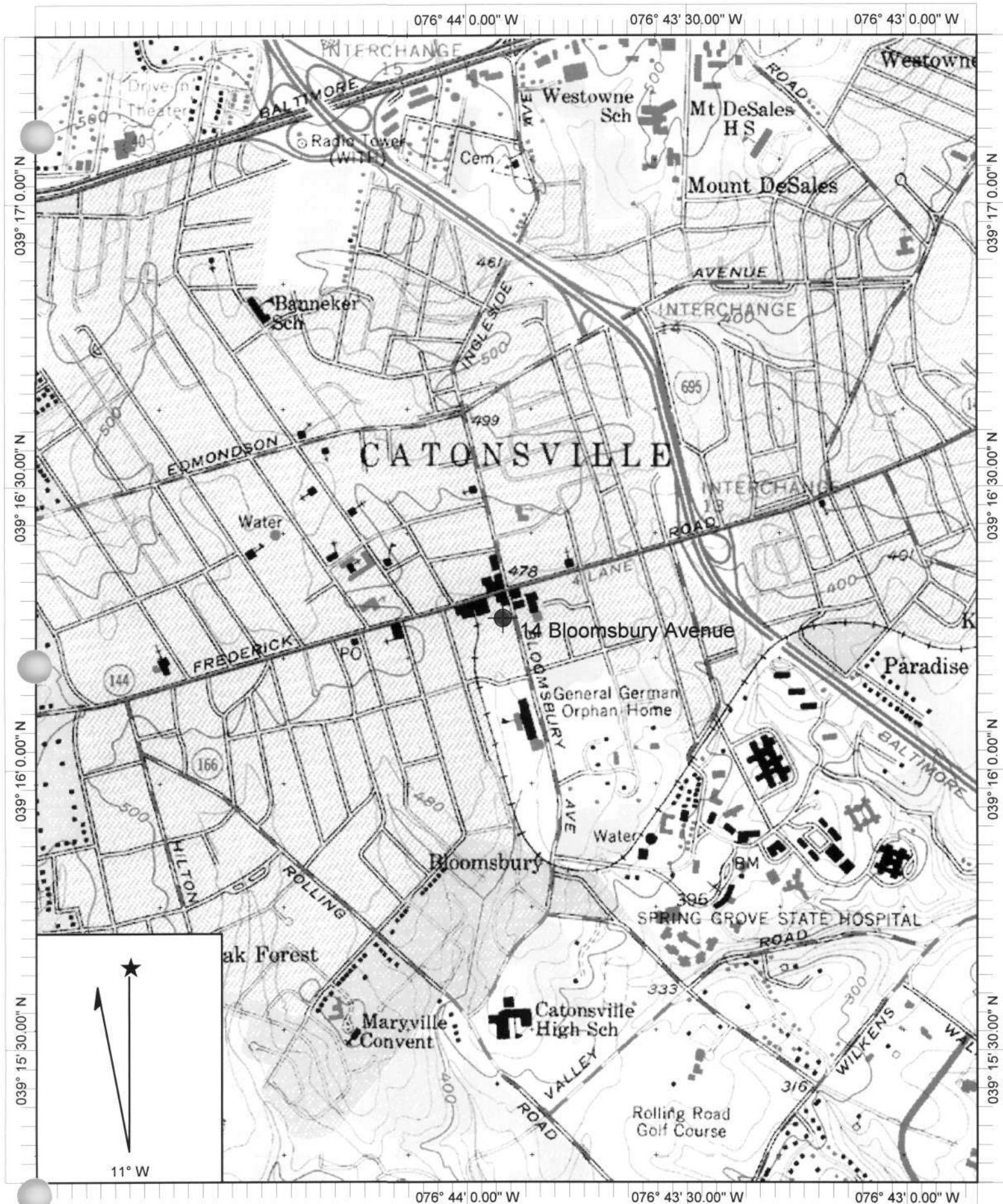
**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

\* NONE \*



Name: BALTIMORE WEST  
 Date: 3/18/2003  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 1333 feet

Location: 039° 16' 16.9" N 076° 43' 54.5" W  
 Caption: 14 Bloomsbury Avenue  
 Catonsville, MD  
 Baltimore County

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14 Bloomsbury Ave

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Baltimore County, MD

Photographer: Kathryn St Clair

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Negative: MD APO

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\* View of facade facing east (Bloomsbury Ave.).





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14 Bloomsbury Avenue

Baltimore County, MD

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- Southeast view of 14 Bloomsbury Avenue.





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14 Bloomsbury Avenue

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Baltimore County, MD

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• View of the south side of 14 Bloomsbury Ave. The building in the foreground is not part of the subject site.



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14 Bloomsbury Ave BA-3115

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• ~~South~~ West view (back) of subject site.

This image depicts the rear and rooftop addition.



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• View of the West Side (Back) of Subject Site.

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14 Bloomsburg Avenue BA-3115

Baltimore County, MD

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- View of north side of subject site  
Facing towards Frederick Road.

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14 <sup>BA-3115</sup> Bloomsbury Avenue

Baltimore County, MD

Kathryn St. Clair, Photographer

8/05/03

MDS400 - Negative

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° View of North side of Subject Site  
From Frederick Road.



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14 Bloomsbury Avenue

Baltimore County, MD

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ND SHPO - Negative

- North side view from Frederick Road.  
West Catonsville Historic District.



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14 Bloomsbury Avenue  
Baltimore County, MD

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- Detail: Window on facade of  
Subject site.





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14 Bloomsbury Avenue  
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MD SHPO - Negative

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- View of front door detail on Subject Site.  
(east side).



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MDSHPO - Negative

- < 24100 NNN+02AU 001
- View down Frederick Road looking west into the West Catonsville Historic District.



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14 Bloomsbury Avenue

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• View From subject site rooftop looking  
north into the West Catonsville  
Historic District